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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Ewing *et al.* Docket No.: A-72111 (4584)
Serial No.: 09/942,342 Examiner: Jezia Riley
Filed: 08/27/01 Art Unit: 1637
Title: NON-FLUORESCENT QUENCHER COMPOUNDS AND
BIOMOLECULAR ASSAYS

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Sir:

Applicants have considered the Non-Final Office Action mailed November 6, 2002 and, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.111, submit for consideration the following amendments and remarks.

Accompanying this Amendment are the following documents:

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- (1) a petition and requisite fee for a one month extension of time up to and including March 6, 2003;
 - (2) a revised power of attorney; and
 - (3) an information disclosure statement and accompanying fee.

It is not believed that additional fees are required. However, the Assistant Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any payment deficiency in payment to deposit account number 04-1425, referencing docket number A-72111 (4584) and client/matter number 470438-72111.

This response is formatted in accordance with revisions to 37 CFR 1.121 scheduled to become mandatory by July 2003. As this is a new format, it is respectfully requested that Applicants' counsel be contacted as soon as possible if any problems with the format are encountered.